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UNITED STATES ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION

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Dear Herb:

It is with pleasure that I forward to you a copy of the Commission's Annual Report to Congress for 1962.

The Annual Report is divided into five main parts. The first briefly summarizes some of the Commission's more important actions and activities directed toward encouraging and maintaining a strong industrial and scientific participation in the Nation's atomic energy program.

Part Two concerns the joint effort of private industry and the Government to achieve competitive nuclear power, as well as the use of nuclear energy for space explorations and in remote locations.

In Part Three, the three major areas of activity related to the Commission's national defense mission are summarized. The activities of management of radioactive wastes are also included in this section because of their close relationship to our nuclear materials production program. In connection with the Military Applications section, you may find Appendix 15--Environmental Contamination from Nuclear Explosives--of interest, since it concerns fallout data obtained from recent nuclear detonations.

Part Four is a general summary of Commission activities, ranging from the development of peaceful uses for nuclear explosives to the program for dissemination of technical information to industry and science.

Under Part Five, the Annual Report covers the Commission's program for licensing and regulating the use of nuclear materials and facilities. This section not only shows how we are working with the individual states so that they can take a greater role in regulating the atom and its uses, but also how we are continually seeking to moderate, insofar as practicable, the more stringent regulations and policies to provide for easier industrial

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growth while, at the same time, assuring continued maintenance of those controls necessary in the interests of public health and safety.

I hope you will find the enclosed report informative and useful.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure